GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Mining Sites
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mining sites under the control of the Indian Rare Earth Limited(IREL) State/UT-wise;

(b)the details of the rare earths mined from the mines, mining centre-wise along with the quantum of production of the minerals; and

(c)the total funds allocated by the Government for exploration of rare earth metals during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)The details of mining sites under the control of Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy are given below:

i)Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM) Mine in Odisha State

ii) Chavara Mine, NK Block II EE Ilmenite Mine, Azheekal Ilmenite Mine and NK Block IV EE Ilmenite Mine in Kerala State

iii)Manavalakurichi Mine, Midlam & Keezh Midalam Mine and Manavalakurichi, Laxmipuram & Colachel Mine in Tamil Nadu

(b)Rare earths are extracted in India from a prescribed mineral namely "Monazite" which is one of the mineral among the suit of seven Beach Sand Minerals (BSM)
The unit-wise details of beach sand mined and production of total minerals
(TM) during last 3 years are as follows:

Unit	Year	Quantity mined out in tons	Total mineral production in tons
OSCOM	2012-13	4270522	234187
	2013-14	3702466	189095
	2014-15	4747508	243547
Chavara	2012-13	211334	31566
	2013-14	237277	39505
	2014-15	248527	38036
MK	2012-13	681244	47568
	2013-14	690362	38288
	2014-15	933931	50935

(c) The funds allocated for exploration of rare earth metals are as follows:

Year	Rs.in lakhs
2012-13	150
2013-14	401
2014-15	240
2015-16	230

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